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Renovations at St. Johns golf course under way

The multi-million-dollar renovation at the Inn at St. Johns is expected to continue until the summer of 2023.

The newly-designed golf courses and hotel are a tribute to the memory of the late William Pulte, founder of The Pulte Group, Inc. a real estate and home construction company. Mr. Pulte, who died in 2018, worked with Cardinal Adam Maida during the original conversion of the former Catholic seminary into the hotel and conference center during the 1990s. Mr. Pulte also helped finance the original remodeling of the property, owned by the Archdiocese of Detroit.

The Archdiocese sold the huge plot of land at Five Mile and Sheldon roads in Plymouth Township to the Pulte Family Management SJ LLC, a for-profit entity of the William J. Pulte Trust, last August. Mr. Pulte's children now manage the trust and, according to the company website, 100 percent of profits from St. Johns go to The Pulte Family Charitable Foundation and are used to serve those "in need around the Metro Detroit area and the world."

The 27-hole golf course is being redesigned into an 18-hole championship course with five sets of tees, from 7,007 to 4,835 yards. A high-caliber, par-3 course and an 18-hole, natural grass putting course are also planned on the property. Plans also include the replacement of all tees, fairways and greens with new grass. The renovations will also include a $2 million irrigation system, according to submitted plans. The new courses are being designed by Ray Hearn who has completed more than 150 golf course projects.

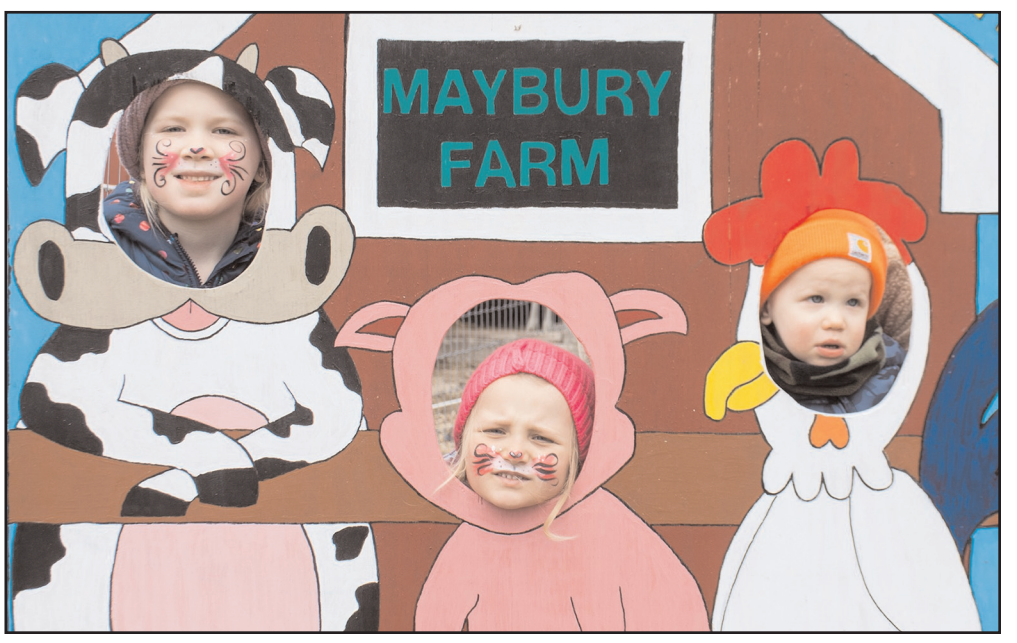
Plans also include parking-lot beautification and landscaping, including the installation of a 70-foot flag. The pro shop and locker rooms are being renovated, and there are plans for a new, 15,000-square-foot ballroom, according to reports of the plans. The long-shuttered retreat-center buildings, which will serve as corridors for the new ballroom, will be renovated and reopened.

The seminary originally opened in the 1940s as an education center and retreat for Catholic priests and St. Johns Provincial Seminary remained in service for nearly 40 years.

While the golf course will remain closed during the renovations, Carl's Golfland on the site will remain open.

Farm fun

Country Fair will mark anniversary



A Country Fair is planned at Maybury Farm on Saturday to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the Northville Community Foundation.

The event, planned for 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. Aug. 13 will feature games, activities, music, face painting, a magician, wagon rides and visits with the farm animals, all in celebration of the foundation which operates the working farm.

When a fire gutted the farm, then owned by the state, 25 years ago, the entire community mourned the loss of the 75-year-old facility and the farm animals destroyed. The Northville Foundation, then under the direction of Shari Peters, assumed responsibility for the farm and depended on fundraisers and corporate donations to continue operations. Professionals moved donated barns down highways, displacing utility wires along the way, and teams of volunteers from Ford Motor Co. and other industries continued to supply labor to bring the farm back to operation and replace the lost animals.

The farm, now nearly completely restored, has been a landmark in the community for more than a century and continues to be a destination for children, students and families to experience the joy and wonder of animals, agriculture, farmland and forests.

The farm is operated entirely on admittance fees, donations and fundraisers to continue feeding the animals and providing educational experiences to the community.

Reservations to help celebrate the event and enjoy the activities are now available at a reduced price online for $10 per person or $13 if purchased at the gate the day of the fair.

For tickets or more information, visit mayburyfarm.org/events.

Romulus Public Library celebrates official reopening

The Romulus Public Library celebrated the beginning of a new chapter last week as the facility was officially re-opened to the public following a nearly two-year renovation.

Several city officials including Mayor Robert McCraight and members of the city council attended the official ribbon cutting welcoming the completion of multiple upgrades at the library. Members of the Friends of the Library and Romulus Chamber of Commerce board members were also on hand for the reopening celebration.

The renovations included improvements to both the aesthetics and functionality of the building.

New carpeting was installed throughout the newly-renovated space and adult services area, concluding updates to the public computer area, service desk, and meeting room.

"When developing our strategic plan four years ago, we asked residents to share their thoughts on ways to improve the library," said Romulus Public Library Director Patty Braden. "There were requests for expanded space, mobile tables and more comfortable seating. When people see what we've done with the space I think they will be pleased to see that their vision has come to life."

Building improvements include a functional modern service desk with better lighting and a more user-friendly shape, size, and placement along with a new larger public computer area with power and data outlets on the floor for a cleaner space and easier internet access. The library also has expanded meeting room space designed to serve as one large room, or, with a partition, two smaller rooms, now called Community Room 1 and Community Room 2.

There is now a new sink, new

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Mayor Robert McCraight presents a resolution declaring Library Day in Romulus to Library Director Patty Braden during the reopening event.

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Tomorrow the City of Inkster will mark the anniversary of the death of four officers killed in the line of duty during a memorial ceremony.

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The popular Music in the Air free weekly concert series will continue at 7 p.m. tomorrow, Aug. 12, at the Kellogg Park stage in downtown Plymouth.

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Wayne residents who filled a police patrol car recently were not under arrest but participating in the Wayne Police Department First Responder Food Drive

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The Wildwood Bikeway is the first project to be implemented as part of the Westland Walk & Roll Plan.

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Canton

The Accidentals will appear in Canton concert

The Accidentals will perform in a free concert with the Kaboom Collective at 7 p.m. Friday, Aug. 12 at Heritage Park in Canton Township.

Featured performers will be multi-instrumentalists Sav Buist, Katie Larson, and Michael Dause, a Nashville-based, critically-acclaimed trio currently touring with The Kaboom Collective, a 40-piece student orchestra. They are performing in concert throughout the U.S. to promote their collaborative album called "Reimagined," which was released earlier this year.

A partnership was formed between the two groups when Liza Grossman, conductor and director of the Kaboom Student Orchestra, reached out to The Accidentals about recording one of the group's songs. The Accidentals provided basic tracks and Grossman's students scored, arranged and recorded 10 Accidentals songs alongside industry professionals. Following release of the album, the groups went on tour allowing the students to learn about tour management, sound engineering, merchandising, stage crew, hospitality, promotion, marketing, press, and more.

The Kaboom Studio Orchestra is a Hollywood-style industry ensemble that performs and records all of the music at Kaboom. From video game soundtracks to studio albums; from animation scores, to live performances, students in the Studio Orchestra work closely with each other and a team of professional musicians, educators, and producers to bring new works and productions to life. Musicians aged 15-25 work under the tutelage of award-winning educators.

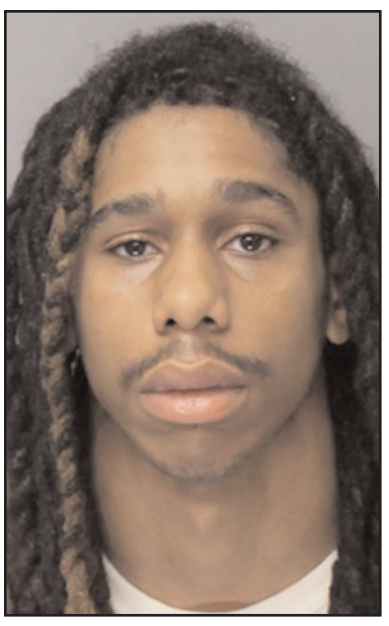
The inception of The Accidentals began when Larson and Buist met in their high school orchestra and became a band after witnessing an immersive workshop by two women that played the same instruments they did. After 10 years as a band, multiple major and indie label deals and touring over 5000 live shows and festivals, The Accidentals started their own non-profit called Play It Forward Again and Again to provide opportunities for students to experience the inspiration that launched their careers.

This special summer concert is slated to begin at 7 p.m. at the Heritage Park Amphitheater, located behind the Canton Administrative Building at 1150 S. Canton Center Road in Canton.

For more information about this special performance, visit www.cantonvillagetheater.org or call (734)394-5300. Preview The Accidentals' music and learn more about the trio at www.theaccidentalsmusic.com.

The Accidentals along with the student orchestra, The Kaboom Collective, will perform in Canton Aug. 12.

Suspect in fatal road rage shooting arrested



Jacor Burch

A second person has been arrested and charged in a fatal road rage shooting that took place June 10 in Canton Township.

Jacor Burch, 21, of Ann Arbor, is facing charges of first-degree homicide and felony firearm possession in the shooting which police described as a road rage incident. Police investigators believe that he fatally shot Michael Paul, 37, of Belleville, numerous times at around 5:18 in the afternoon of June 10, as a result of a traffic incident which took place on Haggerty Road between Palmer and Michigan Avenue.

> *Police investigators believe that he fatally shot Michael Paul, 37, of Belleville, numerous times.*

The victim suffered multiple gunshot wounds and was transported from the scene by emergency personnel. He died at a local hospital as a result of the wounds, police said.

It is alleged that following the public shooting, Burch sped away traveling north on Haggerty Road in a gray Chevrolet Equinox. He was arrested in Illinois July 7 and transported to Michigan to face the charges, according to officials.

He was arraigned at 35th District Court and remanded to the Wayne County Jail without the possibility of bond. His arrest followed that of Maria Phillips, 33, of Ypsilanti, who was also charged in the shooting. She was allegedly linked to the shooting by identification of her newer-model white Dodge Ram pickup truck.

Phillips was arrested last week and arraigned on charges of accessory after the fact to a felony. She was also remanded to the Wayne County Jail in lieu of a $500,000 cash bond.

Thursday concerts continue

Canton Township continues to host free concerts in Heritage Park from 7-8:30 p.m. each Thursday. Audiences are encouraged to bring blankets or folding chairs for seating on the Amphitheater lawn.

Organizers said at least three food options will be on site weekly starting at 6:30 p.m. and there will be a Beer and Wine Tent sponsored by Maraschinos Pub of Canton. All of the proceeds from the beverage sales will benefit Second Chance At Life, a non-profit organization. Wine will be priced a $6 while beer is priced at $5.

Heritage Park is located immediately adjacent to the Canton Administration Building and Canton Public Library, on the campus of the Summit on the Park Community Recreation Center, 46000 Summit Parkway.

The upcoming line up of entertainment includes Captain Fantastic who will present an Elton John Tribute tonight, Aug. 11, while The Family Tradition will perform a variety of country music on Aug. 18.

Captain Fantastic will perform in concert at Heritage Park in Canton tonight.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
ACCESS TO PUBLIC MEETINGS

The Charter Township of Canton will provide necessary, reasonable auxiliary aids and services to individuals with disabilities at the meeting/hearing upon notice to the Charter Township of Canton.

In accordance with the requirements of Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 ("ADA"), the Charter Township of Canton will not discriminate against qualified individuals with disabilities on the basis of disability in its services, programs, or activities.

Employment: The Charter Township of Canton does not discriminate on the basis of disability in its hiring or employment practices and complies with all regulations promulgated by the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission under Title II of the ADA.

Effective Communication: The Charter Township of Canton will generally, upon request, provide appropriate aids and services leading to effective communication for qualified persons with disabilities so they can participate equally in the Charter Township of Canton's programs, services, and activities, including qualified sign language interpreters, documents in Braille, and other ways of making information and communications accessible to people who have speech, hearing, or vision impairments.

Modifications to Policies and Procedures: The Charter Township of Canton will make all reasonable modifications to policies and programs to ensure that people with disabilities have an equal opportunity to enjoy all of its programs, services, and activities. For example, individuals with service animals are welcomed in the Charter Township of Canton's offices, even where pets are generally prohibited.

Anyone who requires an auxiliary aid or service for effective communication, or a modification of policies or procedures to participate in a program, service, or activity of the Charter Township of Canton should contact the office of Barb Brouillette, Human Resources Supervisor, Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, MI 48188, (734) 394-5260 as soon as possible but no later than 48 hours before the scheduled event.

The ADA does not require the Charter Township of Canton to take any action that would fundamentally alter the nature of its programs or services, or impose an undue financial or administrative burden.

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The Charter Township of Canton will not place a surcharge on a particular individual with a disability or any group of individuals with disabilities to cover the cost of providing auxiliary aids/services or reasonable modifications of policy, such as retrieving items from locations that are open to the public but are not accessible to persons who use wheelchairs.

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CANTON TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION - SPECIAL MEETING
Canton Township Administration Building 1150 S. Canton Center Rd.
Canton, MI 48188

Monday, August 8, 2022
7:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL: Acharya, Eggenberger, Foster, Greene, Okon, Singh, Watkins, Weber, and Zuber

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF JULY 11, 2022

ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA: Additions or Deletions

COMMUNICATIONS — *Summary of materials provided to the Planning Commission, including emails received after packets were distributed, magazines, publications, or other materials provided to the Commissioners.*

PUBLIC HEARINGS — A public hearing shall not exceed ninety (90) minutes. An individual may speak for a maximum of three (3) minutes. A representative for a group may speak for five (5) minutes. Persons wishing to speak must provide their name and address for the record.

1. 046-SLU-7422 — MEDICAL OFFICE - Consider Special Land Use on parcel no. 046-99-0002-012. Property is located at the northeast corner of Haggerty Rd. and Warren Rd. The proposed use is a medical office.

OLD BUSINESS — *Items that have been postponed from a previous meeting or items returning to the Planning Commission for modification or review.*

2. 039-DIR-7291 — **MICHIGAN SCHOOLS AND GOVERNMENT CREDIT UNION** - Consider Site Plan on parcel no. 039-99-0028-702 (44530 Ford Road). Property is located on the north side of Ford Road between Sheldon Road and Canton Center Road. Proposal is to re- occupy the site for a financial institution use and make modifications to the site and building.

NEW BUSINESS

3. 138-SPD-6235 — **REDWOOD AT MARKETPLACE** - Consider Site Plan on parcel nos. 103-99-0001- 003, 133-99-0001-001, 133-99-0001-002, 133-99-0001-003, 133-99-0002-000 (3700 Morton Taylor Rd.), 133-99-0004-000 (43600 Michigan Avenue), 133-99-0006-000, 133-99-0007-000, 133-99-0008-000 (43780 Michigan Avenue), 133-99-0009-000 (43800 Michigan Avenue), 138-99-0004-000. Property is located on the north side of Michigan Avenue on both sides of Morton Taylor Rd. Proposed use is multi-family residential use.

4. 137-ADS-7179 — **CANTON RENEWABLES UPGRADE PROJECT** - Consider Site Plan on parcel no. 137-99-0013-706. Property is located on the south side of Michigan Ave., east of Lilley Rd. Proposed use is the installation of additional equipment at the existing landfill gas recovery facility.

5. 058-ADS-7391 — **CHASE BANK** - Consider Site Plan on parcel no. 058-99-0003-009 (45345 Ford Road). Property is located on the south side of Ford Rd. between Canton Center Rd. and Sheldon Road. Proposed use is an addition to the existing structure and other site modifications.

PUBLIC COMMENT — *Persons wishing to comment on items not on the agenda. An individual may speak for a maximum of three (3) minutes. A representative for a group may speak for five (5) minutes. Persons wishing to speak must provide their name and address for the record.*

REPORTS AND DISCUSSION Staff reports, commission and liaison comments

6. **MASTER PLAN** - Provide update on the Master Plan project, including public engagement events/activities, the Master Plan Advisory Board, and Redevelopment Ready Communities.

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In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, individuals with disabilities who require special accommodations, auxiliary aids or services to attend or participate at the meeting/hearing should contact the Human Resources Department at 734-394-5260. Reasonable accommodations can be made with advance notice.

A complete copy of the Access to Public Meetings Policy is available at www.canton-mi.org

*****FOR REFERENCE ONLY*****

NEW APPLICATIONS RECEIVED - *The following are new applications received by the Planning Services Division since the prior Planning Commission meeting. Plans must be reviewed administratively by the Planning Services Division prior to being placed on the Planning Commission's agenda, as applicable.*

137-SLU-7469 — **ALTERA ENTERPRISE, LLC.** - Consider Special Land Use on parcel no. 137-99- 0021-701 (42158 Michigan Avenue). Property is located at the northeast corner of Michigan Ave. and Lilley Rd. Proposed use is an automatic car wash and oil change establishment.

044-DIR-7470 — **IKEA STORE 026 (ELECTRIC AUTO CHARGING STATION)** - Consider Site Plan on parcel no. 044-99-0021-701 (41640 Ford Road). Property is located on the north side of Ford Road between Lilley Road and Haggerty Road. Proposed use is to convert some of the existing parking spaces to automobile charging stations. (Administrative review)

075-RZ-7471 — **1205 RIDGE, LLC. (HARVEST CREEK)** - Consider Rezoning on parcel nos. 075-99-0004-002 and 075-99-0005-000 (1205 Ridge Road). Property is located on the east side of Ridge Road between Proctor Road and Cherry Hill Road. Proposal is to rezone the parcels from RR, Rural Residential to R-3, Single Family Residential.

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NORTHVILLE

New recreation department director named

Debra Bilbrey-Honsowetz has been appointed as the interim director of the Northville Parks and Recreation Department.

Bilbrey-Honsowetz has more than 33 years of experience in the parks and recreation field. Most recently, she led the Canton Township Leisure Services Department for five years before retiring in 2016.

She is known as a leader whose strengths include fostering development of innovative recreation programs, while managing a $10 million operating budget and capital improvement projects, along with 56 full-time and 300 part-time employees, officials said.

"I used to work with Deb," said Northville Township Manager Todd L. Mutchler. "Her expertise in the parks and recreation arena will impact the future of our program. She is approachable, solutions oriented and has a deep network."

She began working in Canton Township in 1994 as the community center manager, responsible for daily operations of Summit on the Park Community Center. She was promoted and served as recreation and facilities manager from 2000-2009 and worked as the economic development manager from 2009-2011 before moving to director of leisure services.

> *We look forward to seeing how Deb's strengths positively impact Northville Parks and Recreation.*

"I'm excited to come to Northville," Bilbrey-Honsowetz said. "It's such a great community with so many wonderful amenities and I am excited to be a part of that. I look forward to delivering services that the residents desire."

Bilbrey-Honsowetz will help search for the next permanent Northville Township Parks and Recreation director.

She replaces Mark Gasche, who held the position for nearly six years. His last day was July 27 and she began her new interim position July 29.

Northville Parks and Recreation is a shared service provided through an agreement between the Charter Township of Northville and the City of Northville to jointly operate parks and recreation, senior services and Northville Youth Network.

About 50 percent of funding for the department is self-generated revenue through rental and program fees, grants, donations and scholarships. The other half comes from both the city and township. The township portion is funded through the shared services millage and amounts for approximately 42 percent of the operating budget. The city portion comes from the general fund of the budget supplies about 8 percent of the operating budget, according to officials.

Northville Parks and Recreation Department provides parks, facilities, programs and services through three divisions. The Recreation Division hosts programming in special events, youth recreation, camps, teen enrichment, adult recreation, athletics and more. The Senior Services Division provides programming in health and wellness, social, educational, enrichment and events. In addition, staff members provide a daily curb-to-curb transportation program for adults ages 60+ and people with disabilities. The Parks and Facilities Division is responsible for a variety of neighborhood and community parks and pathways. The parks boast a variety of amenities, such as athletic fields, playgrounds, tennis courts, pavilions, dog parks, pathways/trails, boardwalks and nature areas.

Debra Bilbrey-Honsowetz

"We look forward to seeing how Deb's strengths positively impact Northville Parks and Recreation," Mutchler said.

Volunteers are sought for new Citizens District Council

Applications from qualified volunteers interested in serving on the Citizen's District Council (CDC) are being accepted by the Northville City Council. A CDC is required when a community plans to modify the boundaries of the Downtown Development Authority (DDA) and there are 100 or residents within the district.

A proposal for the redevelopment of the Northville Downs site is being reviewed by the Northville Planning Commission members and will then go to the city council members for review. The project may or may not require changes to the DDA boundaries or a text amendment to the DDA development plan, officials said.

By state statute, Public Act 57 of 2018 requires that the CDC be established for at least 90 days prior to scheduling any hearings on the issue. In order to not delay the project further, the CDC is being established now to be prepared, should the need arise, officials said. The CDC members will meet approximately two to three times to provide input. If it is determined that no changes to the DDA boundaries or the development are required, the CDC may be dissolved.

> *Members must be at least 18 years of age and reside within the DDA boundaries.*

The CDC is established by the City of Northville and is required to have a minimum of nine members and be representative of the DDA district.

Members must be at least 18 years of age and reside within the DDA boundaries.

For more information on the CDC, contact Lori Ward, DDA director, at (248) 349-0345 or by email.

The application is also available on the city website.

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Romulus - Sumpter

Mayor's 'One Romulus' meeting set for Aug. 17.

Romulus city officials will be hosting "One Romulus" community meetings, a listening tour that provides residents the opportunity to speak with Mayor Robert McCraight, elected officials, public safety leaders and neighbors.

Launched as part of a continuing effort to foster collaboration among residents and city leaders, the "One Romulus" community meetings will occur throughout the summer at 6 p.m. in selected locations including Wednesday, Aug.17 at Romulus City Hall, 11111 Wayne Road

"When I was campaigning across Romulus, I repeatedly heard community members express a desire to meet face-to-face with their elected officials," McCraight said. "The 'One Romulus' community meetings will provide this invaluable face-time while sparking partnerships and collaborations that will strengthen our city."

To open each meeting, McCraight will provide an update on the latest city news and announcements, which will then be followed by a question and answer session and networking.

> *We want our residents to feel comfortable sharing their ideas.*

"These meetings won't be one-sided with me doing all of the talking at residents," McCraight continued. "We want our residents to feel comfortable sharing their ideas, and we encourage them to come prepared for an engaging and constructive conversation."

In addition to the "One Romulus" community meetings, the city has several free events planned for the summer where residents can mingle with their neighbors, including Sounds in Downtown, a live concert series from 7 until 9 p.m. every second and fourth Friday and Movies the in Park every third Friday.

For more information about upcoming events in Romulus, view the Community Calendar on the city website or visit the City of Romulus and Romulus Downtown Development Authority Facebook pages.

No action is taken on demand for trustees' resignations

Sumpter Township trustees took no action on a demand to resign their positions immediately during the July 26 meeting by an "elected precinct delegate."

Ronald Barrington told the board members that during the meeting July 12, they had violated his rights guaranteed under the First Amendment to the constitution by refusing to allow him to make comments during the proceedings.

"Consequently, I am demanding this whole board resign, including the township attorney and the township police chief immediately," Barrington said.

The board members, by a unanimous vote, adopted Roberts Rules of Order, the uniform code of meeting procedures some time ago, and conduct meetings under those rules.

Trustee Peggy Morgan attempted to placate Barrington and apologize "for you being told no." She said she didn't agree with the ruling by Supervisor Tim Bowman who chairs the meetings. "I believe that all residents have a right to speak."

> *Your comments were out of order and at an inappropriate time.*

Trustee Matt Oddy, however, said he wanted to make it very clear that he did not and would not apologize for conducting the meeting as prescribed in the standard, accepted procedures.

"You attempted to speak while the board was in session and were out of order," he said. "I don't apologize. Your comments were out of order and at an inappropriate time," he told Barrington.

"Your comments came while the board was in the middle of business session. So make no mistake, I don't apologize for asking somebody to be quiet while the board is in session."

Morgan said other residents had spoken during past board meeting without being cautioned or "shut down." Officials reminded her that those individuals were authorized to speak by the chair of the meeting and had not violated the adopted rules of meeting conduct.

No resignations have yet been submitted.

Board members laud reduction of overdue water bills

Members of the Sumpter Township Board of Trustees took time to acknowledge the performance of Township Treasurer Vincent Warren during their meeting July 26.

Trustee Don La Porte told the board that he felt that recent board meetings had failed to acknowledge many of the positive things taking place in the township rather than many things "not relevant to the business that needs to take place when we come in here each week." LaPorte said he wanted to take the opportunity to focus on the accomplishments of Warren who was appointed to the treasurer's position in 2021.

In that time, LaPorte said, "Mr. Warren and his team in there have reduced the delinquent water bills by $232,000. That's huge and something that should be talked about." LaPorte reinterated that a reduction by that amount of money in one department is something that "should be talked about in a positive manner."

"Thank you. You are doing a fantastic job," he told Warren, who was appointed by a unanimous vote of the trustees following the death of Treasurer James Clark.

Warren, who has lived in Sumpter since 1958, has earned a master's degree in counseling and a baccalaureate degree in liberal arts. He is employed as a peer advocate for veterans at the Department of Veteran Affairs in Ann Arbor.

During the primary election last week, he was defeated in his bid to move on to the General Election Nov. 8 by candidate Sheena Barnes. He received 376 votes while she garnered 446 votes.

Barnes, 62, was appointed as a trustee in 2018 for a partial term. She has previously sought election to the township offices of trustee, clerk and treasurer.

The partial term expires Nov. 20, 2024.

Library

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countertop, and outlets for patrons to prepare drinks or snacks for their groups along with the new carpeting in the updated sections extending throughout the adult services area.

New shelving is now compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act.

McCraight presented Braden with a formal resolution approved by members of the city council declaring Aug. 4 as Library Day in Romulus to applause and cheers from those in attendance.

Renovations were funded through the library budget and taxpayers will not see an increase in taxes to support the funding of the renovations, officials stressed.

Metro Airport is awarded grant

Metro Airport in Romulus has been awarded $6,578,145 in federal grant funding for improvements at the facility. The funds are from the Federal Aviation Administration grant program, explained Sen. Debbie Stabenow and Sen. Gary Peters.

Metro airport will receive $5,405,409 to purchase 40 preconditioned air units and $1,172,736 to repair taxiways.

"Having reliable and safe air service is crucial for economic development, commerce, and tourism," said Stabenow.

"This funding is another critical infrastructure investment coming to our state and will improve Oakland County and Detroit Metro airports for years to come," she added. Stabenow supported the grant application.

"Michigan airports play a critical role in keeping communities and businesses connected to important markets and destinations," said Peters. "This federal support will help ensure airports throughout the Detroit Metro area can continue transporting travelers safely and efficiently for years to come by making necessary upgrades to critical infrastructure."

More information on the Department of Transportation grant program can be found at http://www.dot.gov/grants.

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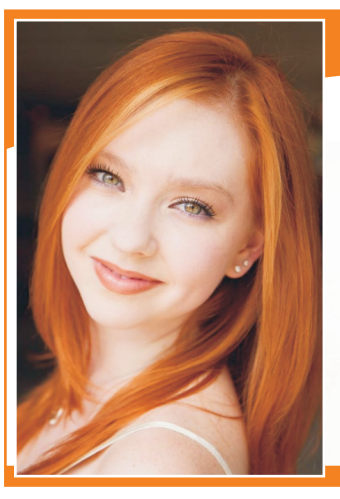

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PLYMOUTH - WAYNE

First responders

Wayne residents who filled a police patrol car recently were not under arrest but participating in the Wayne Police Department First Responder Food Drive. Residents demonstrated their community spirit by 'stuffing' a police patrol car with non-perishable food to be donated to those in need in the community. Wayne officers Raquel Ogarek and Joshua Priebe were on hand to help donors load the food into the police car parked at the Kroger store at West Michigan Avenue. The effort took place for two Saturdays, July 30 and Aug. 6 and the donations not only stuffed the patrol car, but exceeded the goal the department set for the effort. Kroger employees will deliver the collected food to local families, officials said.

Plymouth Kellogg Park concerts continue tomorrow

The popular Music in the Air free weekly concert series will continue at 7 p.m. tomorrow, Aug. 12, and continue through Sept. 2 at the Kellogg Park stage in downtown Plymouth, officials from the Downtown Development Authority (DDA) office said.

The concerts are sponsored by the DDA; the Bank of Ann Arbor; the Plymouth Noon Rotary Club and Hines Park Lincoln.

The line-up this year again includes various area bands and tomorrow, Aug. 12--Geff Phillips and Friends is scheduled to perform Pop and Rock variety music of the 60s; on Aug. 19 Moxie Blitz will present pop music of today and the 80s; Aug. 26--Steve King and the Dittilies, the Wayne Newton of Wayne County will perform and on and Sept. 2--Atomic Radio will end the season with top 40, Pop Hip-Hop and Rock.

Winner of Philharmonic cruise raffle to be announced

The winner of the Michigan Philharmonic raffle of a cruise of the Pacific Northwest for two will be announced during a concert this Saturday, Aug. 13.

The trip raffle is the largest fundraiser for the Michigan Philharmonic, officials said, and the winner will receive a wine cruise along the Columbia and Snake rivers from Oct. 30 through Nov. 7. The prize includes the nine-day cruise aboard the American Empress and roundtrip airfare for two.

Travelers will experience the serenity of the wilderness in the Pacific Northwest with scenery and waterways leading to wine country, tasting vintages and experiencing the feel of a paddleboat-style cruise ship,officials said.

Tickets for the raffle are $50 each and only 400 will be sold. Tickets can still be purchased, if available, through the Michigan Philharmonic offices located in Plymouth or online at michiganphil.org. The drawing for the winner will take place during the Philharmonic concert at the Eleanor and Edsel Ford Estate this Saturday. The winner will be contacted that day and does not need to be present to win.

For information contact the Michigan Philharmonic at www.michiganphil.org or call (734) 451-2112 or info@michiganphil.org.

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Inkster - Westland

Annual Inkster Police Memorial set for tomorrow

Tomorrow the City of Inkster will mark the 35th anniversary of the death of three officers gunned down during a daylight ambush and the death of an officer who was killed in 1994 during a drug arrest.

Patrol Ofc. Clay Hoover, Sgt. Ira Parker, and Ofc. Daniel Dubiel were shot and killed while attempting to serve a warrant for a bad check from a rental car agency on a 68-year-old woman and her three sons at a motel at 28525 Michigan Ave. on July 10, 1994.

Dubiel and Hoover entered the room first and were asked to help one of the sons who had recently had kidney dialysis treatment. Dubiel then called Parker to bring a summons instead of arresting the individuals, and the officers waited with the suspects. When Parker entered the room, the suspects opened fire, killing all three officers instantly. The four suspects then held officers at bay during a ten-hour standoff as hundreds of rounds were fired from their room.

A national news story, the ambush and murder of the officers became a cautionary tale of the danger police officers face every day, officials said. Thousands of uniformed officers from throughout the state attended the funerals for the men and lined the streets, saluting, as the hearses carrying the men went past.

All four suspects were sentenced to three life terms in prison for their role in the murders. The mother died in prison on June 12, 2011. One of her sons died in prison in 1996.

Hoover had served with the Inkster Police Department for four months. He was survived by his parents, a brother, and fiancé.

Dubiel had served with the agency for 13 years. He was survived by his wife and four children.

Parker was a United States Air Force Vietnam veteran and had served with the Inkster Police Department for 15 years. He was survived by his wife and four children.

Woodmore was shot and killed after stopping a man on a bicycle who had just completed a drug transaction near Pine Street and Henry Street. The suspect pulled a 9 mm handgun and shot Woodmore five times.

In July 2000 the suspect was found guilty of first-degree murder and sentenced to life in prison. In August 2002 the suspect was found guilty a second time in a second trial for the murder. Woodmore had served with the Inkster Police Department for 5 years. He was survived by his two sons and two daughters.

The Inkster police department, officials and the community honor the officers who have given their lives in service to their community every year. The memorial service tomorrow is set for 11:30 a.m. at the Inkster Police Department, 26279 Michigan Ave. Inkster.

Ofc. Clay Hoover

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On a roll

The Wildwood Bikeway is the first project to be implemented from the Westland Walk & Roll plan. The bikeway is 3.5 miles of path along Wildwood Road, on both sides, northbound and southbound, between Warren Road to Glenwood Road. The bikeway involves two types of bicycle facilities both with varied signs and pavement markings, officials said. The first is a 5-foot-wide dedicated bike lane, located in the areas where there is no on-street parking. The second consists of Sharrow markings and signage to alert motorists that bicyclists can use the entire lane. This pathway is located in the areas where on-street parking exists. In these Sharrow marked areas, motorists are required to drive behind bikers or pass them with at least 3-feet of space. For more information about Bike Safety or the Walk & Roll plan, visit the Westland Bicycle Safety Campaign webpage at: https://www.cityofwestland.com/.../Bicycle-and-Bike-Lane...

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